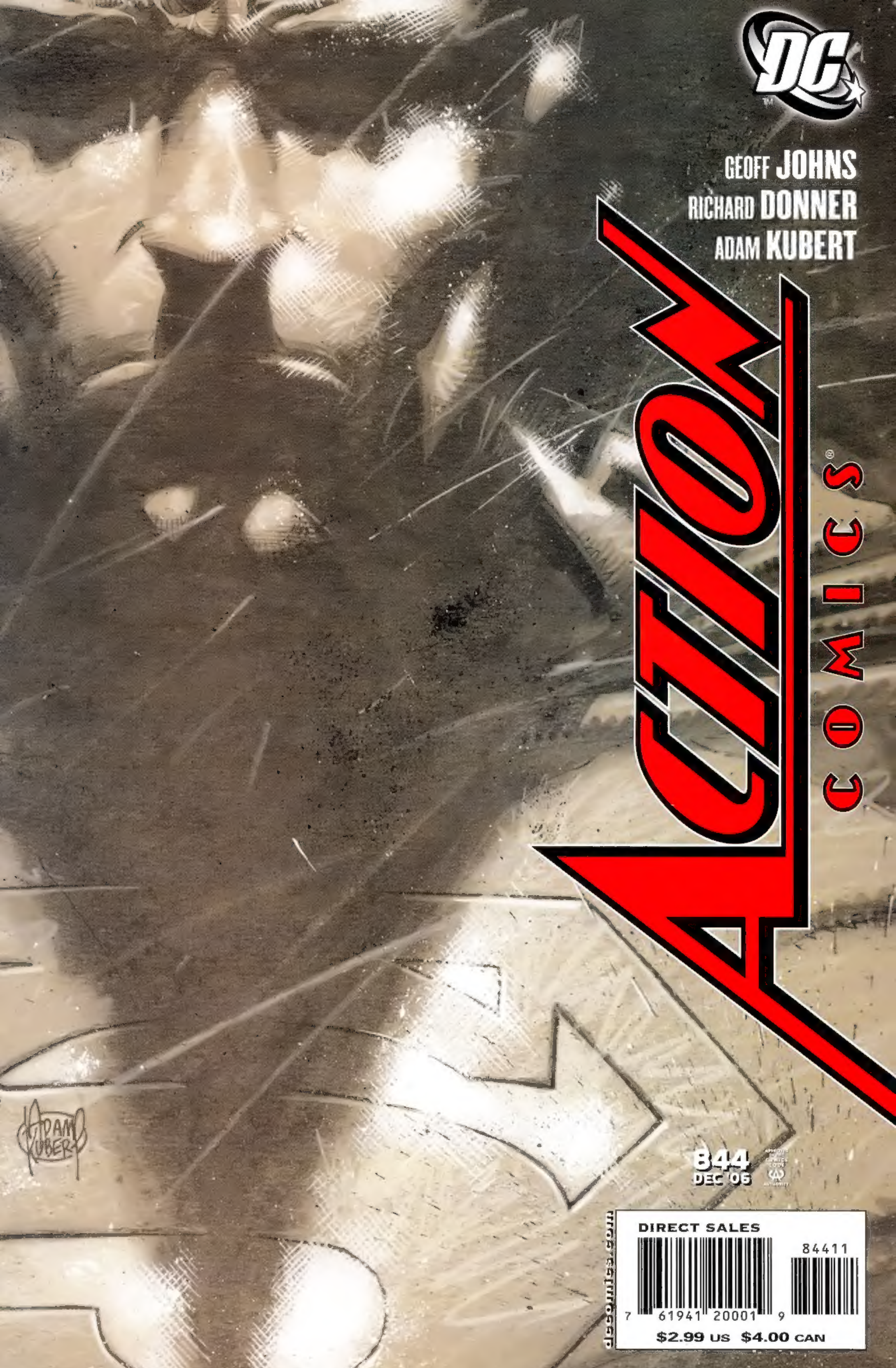
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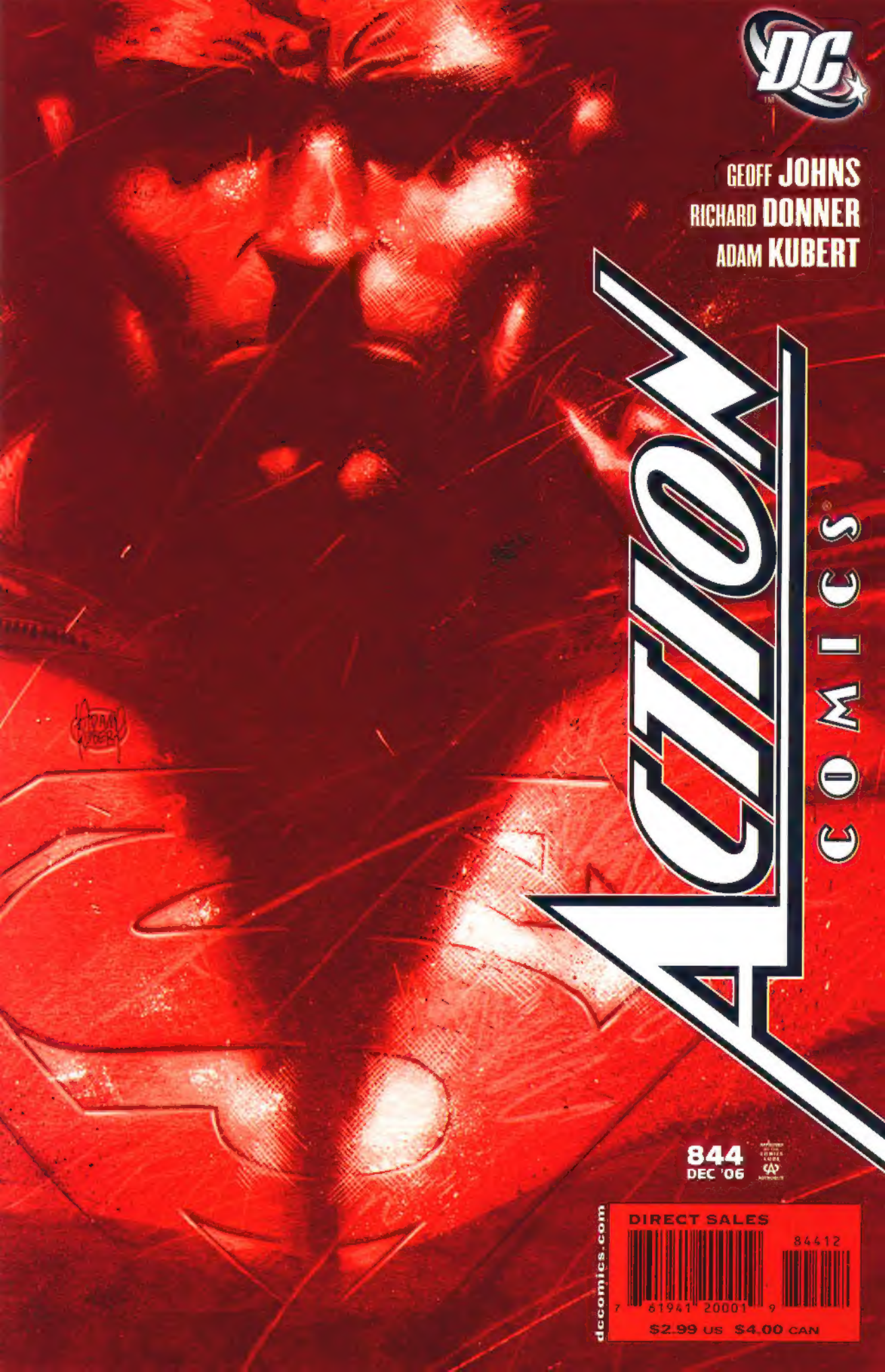
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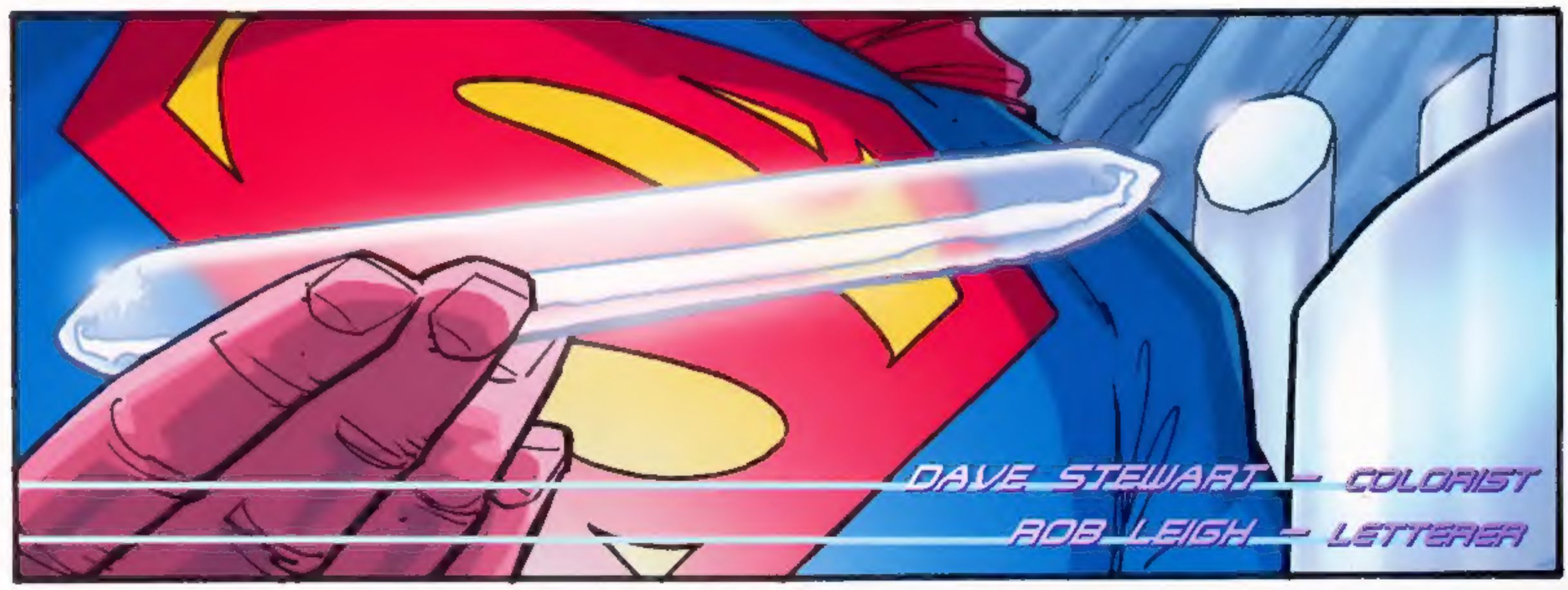
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SUPERMAN CREATED BY
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HELLO, MY SON.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU ACTIVATED THIS COMPUTER SIMULATION.

I KNOW. I'VE BEEN AWAY.

I LIVED AS ONE OF THEM.

DID YOU ENJOY IT?

YES.

YOU MUST REMEMBER YOU WERE SENT HERE BECAUSE YOU *LOOK* LIKE ONE OF THEM--

--BUT YOU ARE ***NOT*** ONE OF THEM.

OUR CULTURE SURVIVES WITH YOU.

AND THE HOPE WE HAD FOR OUR FUTURE CAN BE SHARED WITH THE PEOPLE OF EARTH BY YOU...

...THE LAST SON OF KRYPTON.

# LAST SON PART ONE

ROCKETED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, THE BABY KAL-EL WAS FOUND AND RAISED BY JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS. NOW AN ADULT, CLARK KENT FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE & THE AMERICAN WAY AS...

SUPERMAN

WHAT AM I LOOKING AT, OLSEN?
SUPERMAN'S CAPE. THE CORNER OF IT.
OR MAYBE IT'S HIS BOOT.
THAT'S *NOT* WHAT I'M LOOKING AT.
IT'S *NOT*?
PERRY WHITE PUBLISHER
I'M LOOKING AT A PHOTOGRAPHER WHO'S GOING TO BE OUT OF A *JOB* IF HE DOESN'T START SHOWING ME PICTURES INSTEAD OF WASTING MY TIME PLAYING *"GUESS WHAT I COULDN'T FOCUS ON!"*
*Um,* MR. WHITE, IF I COULD...
...JIM RISKED HIS NECK CLIMBING OUT ON THAT FIRE ESCAPE TRYING TO GET AN AERIAL SHOT OF SUPERMAN AND GORILLA GRODD.
HE COULD'VE BEEN KILLED.
AND I WOULD'VE BEEN IF IT WASN'T FOR SUPERMAN. GRODD RIPPED THE FIRE ESCAPE OFF, AND--
PERRY WHITE PUBLISHER
I *KNOW* WHAT HAPPENED, OLSEN!
THE *DAILY STAR* HAS A SHOT OF IT ON *THEIR* FRONT PAGE! YOU JUST HELPED THE COMPETITION SELL *TEN THOUSAND* MORE COPIES!
Daily Star
SUPERMAN STOP
DOD'S RAMPA
BUT--
COFFEE. TWO SUGARS. *NOW.*
YEAH, CHIEF.
A LITTLE HARD ON HIM, DON'T YOU THINK?
HARD ON HIM?
KENT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT *MY* EDITOR USED TO DO TO *ME* WHEN I BROUGHT HIM COFFEE THAT WAS TOO *COLD*?
YOU SAID HE--
HE'D THROW IT IN MY FACE TO WAKE ME UP!
THEY CALL IT OFFICE ABUSE NOW, BUT BACK IN THE GLORY DAYS *WE* CALLED IT PAYING DUES!
HELP.
YOU GOTTA TOUGHEN UP THE NEXT GENERATION. THEY'RE TOO SOFT. AND *YOU*, KENT. YOU GOTTA SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OLSEN. HE LOOKS UP TO YOU...FOR SOME GODFORSAKEN REASON...
I LOCKED MY KEYS IN MY CAR!
...SO SHOW HIM WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A *REAL* REPORTER!
SHOW HIM THE BLOOD AND SWEAT THAT GOES INTO MAKING THE *DAILY PLANET* THE NUMBER *ONE* NEWSPAPER IN THIS CITY!
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVIN'! I'M WALKIN' HERE!
HELL, THIS *WORLD!*
DO YOU SEE THAT?
LOOK!
KENT!?
UP IN THE SKY!
WHAT IS IT?!
OH, MY GOD! HELP!
KENT, ARE YOU LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING?!
EXCUSE ME, MR. WHITE. I'VE GOT TO GO.
I'VE GOT A DENTIST APPOINTMENT I FORGOT ALL AB--
WHOA!
SORRY, JIM.
NEXT COFFEE RUN'S ON ME. *Um,* FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING.
ALL OF METROPOLIS AND LOIS LANE MARRIES *HIM*?
CLARK KENT--

"--YOU ARE THE LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE."

VOOO

ONE WAY
DON'T WALK
MAIL

NO PA
2 AM

THE AVENUE OF TOMORROW, METROPOLIS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF METAHUMAN AFFAIRS. EAST COAST LAB.

I'M SARGE STEEL, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SUPERMAN.

WE'VE GOT OUR TOP GUYS CHECKING OUT THE ROCKET HE LANDED IN.

I CAN HEAR YOUR CREW DEBATING IN THE NEXT ROOM, STEEL.

THEY'RE NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK. THERE'S NO PROPULSION SYSTEM OR ENGINE.

BUT MY MICROSCOPIC VISION IS TELLING ME THE METAL THAT MAKES UP THE SHIP IS FAMILIAR.

OH, AND STEEL?

YOU SHOULDN'T SMOKE AROUND KIDS.

WHERE DO YOU THINK HE'S FROM?

I DON'T KNOW.

KKKNKKK

TAKE A WILD GUESS.

SKRiTCH SCRiTCH SCRiTCH!

WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT?

IT'S... KRYPTO-NESE.

HE SPOKE KRYPTO-NESE?

YES.

WHAT'D HE SAY?

HE SAID HE WAS HUNGRY.

MY NAME'S KAL-EL.

WHAT'S YOURS?

I DON'T KNOW.
HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I DON'T KNOW.
BUT IT'S NOT HERE.

THIS ISN'T MY HOME.

THIS ISN'T YOURS
EITHER, IS IT?

WE TOOK SOME ORAL D.N.A. SWABS. WE'RE GOING TO EXPOSE THE CELLS TO *KRYPTONITE*.

KRYPTONITE?

IF THE BOY REALLY *IS* KRYPTONIAN WE'LL KNOW BY MORNING.

AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM UNTIL THEN?

I ASSURE YOU, HE'LL BE EXTREMELY COMFORTABLE HERE.

HE'S RIGHT, SUPERMAN. IT'S BEEN A *LONG* DAY FOR EVERYONE.

LET'S LET THE KID GET SOME SLEEP.

KAL-EL?

PLEASE DON'T GO, KAL-EL. PLEASE.

TELL YOU WHAT. I'LL BE HERE UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP. AND I'LL BE HERE BEFORE YOU WAKE UP.

I PROMISE.

TK TK TK

KRAKASSH!!!
GOOD MORNING, SUPERMAN!
GOOD MORNING! DON'T FORGET TO DRINK YOUR ORANGE JUICE!
SUPERMAN!

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DEPARTMENT OF METAHUMAN AFFAIRS HEADQUARTERS.

...TAKEN FROM ONE OF OUR SATELLITES, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE ROCKET WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AS IT DESCENDED TOWARD EARTH.

WE'RE HAVING DIFFICULTY REPLICATING ITS TRAJECTORY ACROSS OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. THE FLIGHT PATH WOULD'VE PUT IT SMASHING RIGHT THROUGH OUR MOON.

SOME OF THE BOYS THINK THE ROCKET SPARKED OUTTA HYPERSPACE JUST OUTSIDE OUR ATMOSPHERE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING IT APPEARED OUT OF HYPERSPACE?!

HYPERSPACE. SOMEONE ELSE CAN EXPLAIN.

Uh... SARGE?

SARGE, YOU HAVE A VISITOR.

BESS, I'M IN WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

I DON'T THINK THIS ONE'S USED TO WAITING, SARGE--

--SIR, YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! THIS IS A LEVEL SEVEN SECURITY--!

RRRR

KRANK-
KOOOMM

SUPERMAN? SUPERMAN, WAIT--

WHERE IS HE?
WHERE'S THE *BOY?*
WHAT?
THEY TOLD ME THEY *TOLD* YOU.
TOLD ME *WHAT*, STEEL? YOUR LAB IN METROPOLIS WAS CLEARED OUT THIS MORNING. WHY'D THEY MOVE HIM?
THE TESTS WERE POSITIVE. HE'S KRYPTONIAN.
THEY'RE TRANSFERRING HIM RIGHT NOW TO ANOTHER FACILITY. SOMETHING MORE SECURE. SOMETHING *SAFER.*
THEY *TOLD* ME THEY *TOLD* YOU.

*WHERE IS HE?*

Hm.

# ...BRYN LANDS...

by Lois Lane
DAILY PLANET
SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

...ROPOLIS — THE ...ght fire yesterday after... ...on a burning object explod... ...t of the sky and screamed down... ...ward Metropolis. Witnesses first ...lieved it to be a missile or ...eorite, until Superman ca... ...bject and slowed it to ... ...smoke cleared, th... ...led to be a ro... ...side was ... ...nat...

OPPORTUNITY STRIKES.

WHAT THE HECK IS--?

TINC TINC TINC TINC

TINC

BOOOOMMFF

HOW THE HECK ARE WE GOING TO MOVE *THIS* OFF THE ROAD?

WITH SOME HELP. I BETTER MAKE A CALL.

THEY SAID THE CARGO WE'RE CARRYING COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB WE EVER--

VEET

VEET VEET V

E-BOOM

KENT

JONATHAN!

NOK! NOK! NOK!

JONATHAN, SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR.

I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYONE THIS MORNING.

A YOUNG BOY FELL FROM THE SKY.

YOU TOOK HIM HOME. YOU FORGED DOCUMENTS.

YOU RAISED HIM AS YOUR OWN.

TELL ME HOW YOU DID IT.

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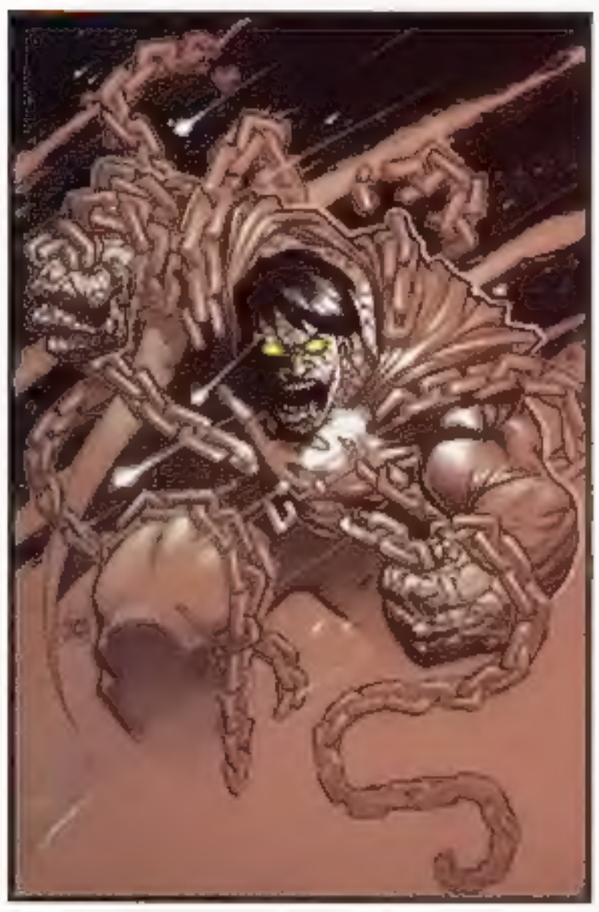

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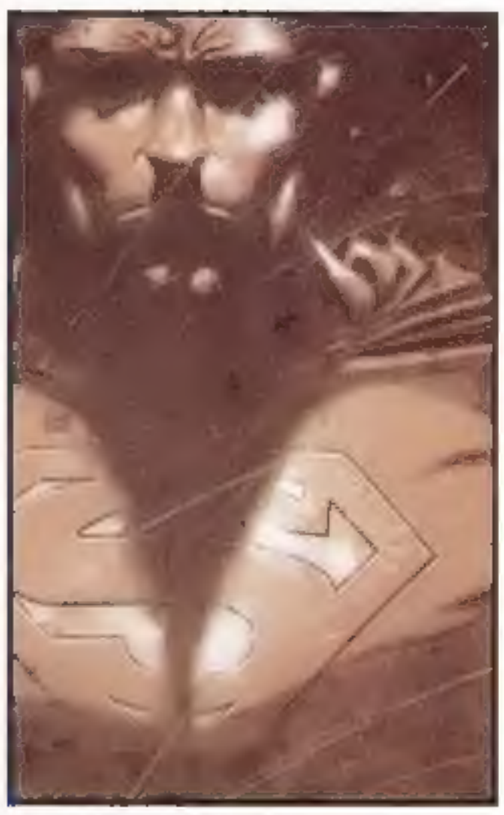

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